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1. Attempts by the Chinese Communist Foreign Trade Corporation\* to eliminate the middleman in trade are failing, and new regulations are needed. The Chinese Communists are greatly worried about finding an efficient remedy.
2. As a result of using no middlemen, oil\*\*, wool and straw braid, arriving in Tientsin from the interior, are improperly sorted; also, 10,000 barrels of oil for export were tampered with en route from the interior, and are now unusable.
3. Bristles, a state monopoly, are processed by the Chinese Communists, but the finished product has failed to meet their own standards.
4. Possibilities for trade and commerce look discouraging, and practically no export trade is going on. The Chinese Communists simply look for the highest export bids and the lowest import bids.
5. The search of foreigners' papers and luggage by the Chinese Communists, at the Tientsin Railroad Station, is becoming more thorough.

\* Comment. Probably this is the "North China Foreign Trade Corporation" referred to in                      \*.

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\*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably this refers to bean oil.

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